

The claims of Groups II - VI (i.e., claims 21-54, and 64-70) directed to a patentably distinct inventions non-elected for prosecution herein have been cancelled, but such cancellation has been effected without prejudice to the applicants' rights under 35 USC §121.

In response to the requirement that a single patentably distinct species be elected, applicants hereby elect the species noted in paragraph 18.A of the subject Action – namely, a substrate comprised of a reaction product of at least one alkylchlorosilane applied over an anchor layer. Claims 1-5, 10-15, 56-58 and 62 read on the elected species, with claims 1-3, 10-15 being generic thereto.

A favorable action on the merits of the elected claims is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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